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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIAN FRONT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN CRITICIZES SMITH

REF: PRETORIA 0899

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTS FEBRUARY 28 THAT RHODESIAN
FRONT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, HAROLD COLEMAN, CRITICIZED PM SMITH
OVER WEEKEND FOR HAVING "BETRAYED" PRINCIPLES OF THE PARTY.
HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT FACT RF PARTY CAUCUS GAVE SMITH
SUPPORT IN "ACCEPTANCE OF TH SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS IN NO
WAY IMPLIED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DISREGARD
PARTY PRINCIPLES". SMITH, COLMAN CLAIMED, HAD ASSURD NATION
THERE WOULD BE NO CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES DURING TWO YEAR
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TRANSITION PERIOD YET HE HAD NOW MADE AMNDMENTS TO LAW WHICH
COULD HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING POINTS.

2. COMMENT: COLEMAN'S REFERENCE TO AMENDED LAWS IS PROBABLY
DIRECTED AT SMITH'S ANNOUNCED REPEAL OF RACIAL LEGISLATION
(REFTEL). COLEMAN IS KNOWN CONSERVATIVE IN RF CIRCLES AND HIS
CRITICISM REFLECTS ARGUMENT THAT ENSUED WITHIN PARTY OVER

SMITH'S INTENDED MOVES ON DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION. IN
WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FEBRUARY 23 ANNOUNCEMENT, SOME
PRESS ACCOUNTS REFLECTED SIGNIFICANT SPLIT IN PARTY RANKS
OVER THIS ISSUE. COLEMAN'S REMARKS MAY INDICATE THAT SPLIT
IS NOT HEALED.
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